

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A ~~linerless stamp~~ coil of stamps formed from a plurality of stamps detachably connected to each other end-to-end to form the coil, the coil having an inner end and an outer end, each of the plurality of stamps comprising:

a paper layer having a first surface and an opposing second surface, ~~said paper layer being formed from conventional paper;~~

an adhesive layer adhered to the first surface of said paper layer;

a backing layer applied to said adhesive layer only if the stamp is within an area adjacent to the inner end of the coil, there being no backing layer applied if the stamp is within areas not so adjacent to the inner end of the coil;

an ink layer disposed on at least portions of the second surface of said paper layer;

a primer layer disposed on said ink layer and on any portions of the second surface of said paper layer not having said ink layer disposed thereon; and

a silicone layer disposed on said primer layer.

2. (currently amended) The ~~linerless stamp~~ coil of stamps of Claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of stamps further comprising comprises a starch layer disposed between the first surface of said paper layer and said adhesive layer.
3. (currently amended) The ~~linerless stamp~~ coil of stamps of Claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive layer.
4. (currently amended) The ~~linerless stamp~~ coil of stamps of Claim 1 wherein said primer layer is at least partially absorbed by any portions of the second surface of said paper layer upon which said primer layer is disposed, whereby said paper layer is sealed.
5. (currently amended) The ~~linerless stamp~~ coil of stamps of Claim 1 wherein substantially none of said silicone layer is absorbed by said paper layer.
6. (currently amended) A ~~linerless stamp~~ coil of stamps formed from a plurality of stamps detachably connected to each other end-to-end to form the coil, the coil having an inner end and an outer end, each of the plurality of stamps comprising:

a paper layer having a first surface and an opposing second surface, ~~said paper layer being formed from conventional paper;~~

a starch layer disposed on the first surface of said paper layer;

a pressure sensitive adhesive layer adhered to said starch layer;

a backing layer applied to said adhesive layer only if the stamp is within an area adjacent to the inner end of the coil, there being no backing layer applied if the stamp is within areas not so adjacent to the inner end of the coil;

an ink layer disposed on at least portions of the second surface of said paper layer;

a primer layer disposed on said ink layer and on any portions of the second surface of said paper layer not having said ink layer disposed thereon;

a silicone layer disposed on said primer layer; and

wherein said primer layer is at least partially absorbed by any portions of the second surface of said paper layer upon which said primer layer is disposed, whereby said paper layer is sealed, and wherein substantially none of said silicone layer is absorbed by said paper layer.

7. (original) A coil of stamps comprising;

a plurality of self-adhesive stamps detachably connected to each other end-to-end to form a continuous strip of stamps, said strip being wound about itself in spiral-like fashion, and having an inner end and an outer end; and

wherein said strip of stamps comprises a portion adjacent to the inner end of the strip having a piece of liner material disposed thereon, and a portion having no liner material thereon, whereby the portion having no liner material thereon allows said strip to be wound directly onto itself.

8. (original) The coil of stamps of Claim 7 wherein said strip of stamps further comprises a portion adjacent to the outer end of the strip having a piece of liner material disposed thereon in order to facilitate removal of the first stamp or group of stamps from said strip of stamps.

9. (original) The coil of stamps of Claim 7 wherein each of the plurality of self-adhesive stamps comprises:

a paper layer having a first surface and an opposing second surface;

a pressure sensitive adhesive layer adhered to the first surface of said paper layer;

an ink layer disposed on at least portions of the second surface of said paper layer;

a primer layer disposed on said ink layer and on any portions of the second surface of said paper layer not having said ink layer disposed thereon; and

a silicone layer disposed on said primer layer.

10. (original) The coil of stamps of Claim 9 wherein each of the plurality of self-adhesive stamps further comprises a starch layer disposed between the first surface of said paper layer and said pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

11. (original) The coil of stamps of Claim 9 wherein said primer layer is at least partially absorbed by any portions of the second surface of said paper layer upon which said primer layer is disposed, whereby said paper layer is sealed.

12. (original) The coil of stamps of Claim 9 wherein substantially none of said silicone layer is absorbed by said paper layer.

13. (original) A coil of stamps comprising;

a plurality of self-adhesive stamps detachably connected to each other end-to-end to form a continuous strip of stamps, said strip being wound about itself in spiral-like fashion, and having an inner end and an outer end, each of said plurality of stamps comprising:

a paper layer having a first surface and an opposing second surface;

a starch layer disposed on the first surface of said paper layer;

a pressure sensitive adhesive layer adhered to said starch layer;

an ink layer disposed on at least portions of the second surface of said paper layer;

a primer layer disposed on said ink layer and on any portions of the second surface of said paper layer not having said ink layer disposed thereon;

a silicone layer disposed on said primer layer;

wherein said primer layer is at least partially absorbed by any portions of the second surface of said paper layer upon which said primer layer is disposed, whereby said paper layer is sealed, and wherein substantially none of said silicone layer is absorbed by said paper layer; and

wherein said strip of stamps comprises a portion adjacent to the inner end of the strip having a piece of liner material disposed thereon, a portion adjacent to the outer end of the strip having a piece of liner material disposed thereon and a

portion having no liner material thereon, whereby the portion having no liner material thereon allows said strip to be wound directly onto itself.

14 - 21. (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) A method for creating a coil of stamps formed from a plurality of stamps detachably connected to each other end-to-end to form the coil, the coil having an inner end and an outer end, said method ~~linerless stamps~~ comprising the steps of:

providing a paper layer having a first surface and an opposing second surface, ~~said paper layer being formed from conventional paper;~~

adhering an adhesive layer to the first surface of the paper layer;

applying a backing layer to the adhesive layer only in an area of the coil adjacent to the inner end of the coil, there being no backing layer applied to areas of the coil not so adjacent to the inner end of the coil;

disposing an ink layer on at least portions of the second surface of the paper layer;

disposing a primer layer on the ink layer and on any portions of the second surface of the paper layer not having the ink layer disposed thereon; and

disposing a silicone layer on the primer layer.

23. (original) The method of Claim 22 further comprising the step of disposing a starch layer between the first surface of the paper layer and the adhesive layer.

24. (original) The method of Claim 22 wherein the adhesive layer comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

25. (original) The method of Claim 22 wherein the primer layer is at least partially absorbed by any portions of the second surface of the paper layer upon which the primer layer is disposed, whereby the paper layer is sealed.

26. (original) The method of Claim 22 wherein substantially none of the silicone layer is absorbed by the paper layer.

27. (currently amended) A method for creating a coil of stamps formed from a plurality of stamps detachably connected to each other end-to-end to form the coil, the coil having an inner end and an outer end, said method ~~linerless stamps~~ comprising the steps of:

providing a paper layer having a first surface and an opposing second surface, ~~said paper layer being formed from conventional paper;~~

disposing a starch layer on the first surface of the paper layer;

adhering a pressure sensitive adhesive layer to the starch layer;

applying a backing layer to the adhesive layer only in an area of the coil adjacent to the inner end of the coil, there being no backing layer applied to areas of the coil not so adjacent to the inner end of the coil;

disposing an ink layer on at least portions of the second surface of the paper layer;

disposing a primer layer on the ink layer and on any portions of the second surface of the paper layer not having the ink layer disposed thereon;

disposing a silicone layer on the primer layer; and

wherein the primer layer is at least partially absorbed by any portions of the second surface of the paper layer upon which the primer layer is disposed, whereby the paper layer is sealed, and wherein substantially none of the silicone layer is absorbed by the paper layer.